

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 565

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the McCallie School Tennis Team on winning the 2007 TSSAA Division II State Team Tennis Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the McCallie Blue Tornado tennis team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, winning the TSSAA Division II State Team Tennis Championship at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, continuing a tradition of excellence, McCallie earned its sixth state title, having won twice previously, in 1991 and 1994, under current Coach Eric Voges; and

WHEREAS, advancing after a semi-final triumph over Memphis University School, the young men from McCallie soundly thrashed Webb School of Knoxville, 4-1, in the finals to claim their state championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, state championships are won only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Blue Tornado tennis team exhibited each of these rare qualities during its 2007 championship season; and

WHEREAS, cultivating the talent of each of his players, Head Coach Eric Voges shared his experience and knowledge of the game of tennis with his team as the players matured into state champions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the McCallie School tennis team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding members of this championship team are Alex Harris, J.P. McLemore, Todd Hatcher, David Henry, Wes Nelson, and Chris Schlabach; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship tennis season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the McCallie Blue Tornado tennis team on their remarkable 2007 season as they have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Eric Voges and the McCallie School Tennis Team upon winning the 2007 TSSAA Division II State Team Tennis Championship and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.